

Between 4-7-2017 and 4-8-2018 the Hickory Police Department has responded to three shooting calls at local ABC establishments that resulted in the death of five people.

**4-7-2017- J. McCroskey's Irish Pub & Grill-1423 29<sup>th</sup> Ave Dr NE, Hickory, NC**

Two suspects shot and killed three people and injured two others after they were engaged in a brief verbal exchange in the parking lot. The incident occurred at 2:16 am as the bar was closing. The suspects and the victims did not know one another. Evidence suggest that the incident was a result of one of the victims making a disparaging comment to one of the suspects. It appears that the victim who made the comment was intoxicated at the time. All seven individuals involved in this incident had been patrons of McCroskey's. The suspects in this case are awaiting trial for murder.

**6-17-2017- Alessio's Lounge & Grill- 1351 N Center Street, Hickory, NC**

One suspect shot and killed one victim in the parking lot outside the bar shortly after closing at 2:00am. It appears the victim and suspect had been involved in an ongoing dispute. On the night of the incident they ran into each other at the bar by chance. There is no evidence that there was any incident inside the bar or that the victim and suspect had noticed each other until they were in the parking lot. The suspect in this case is awaiting trial for murder.

**4-8-2018-The Vault Bar and Lounge- 247 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NW, Hickory , NC**

Several suspects were involved in a shooting resulting in one subject killed and three injured just before 2:00am. Several of the suspects involved in the shooting had been attending a welcome home from prison party begin held at the bar. This case is currently under investigation.